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REMARKS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the subject application in view thereof are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Status

Claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12-16, 18-20 and 22-26 are pending in the application. Of these claims 1, 3 and 7 have been indicated as allowed. The remaining claims have been rejected and/or objected to. Claims 8-10, 13-16, 20, 22-24 have been revised to clarify the invention. New claims 27-29 have been presented. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 8-10, 12-16, 18-20 and 22-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that it is unclear what is meant by the phrase "drying to get required water of crystallization" recited in claims 8 and 9. To expedite prosecution, Applicant has elected to strike the recitation at issue. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 8, 10, 12, 14-16, 19, 20 and 22-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the phrase "such as" recited in claim 8 renders this claim indefinite. To expedite prosecution, Applicant has made clarifying amendments to this claim. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 8, 10, 12, 14-16, 19, 20 and 22-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the phrase "dematerialized water" recited in step (c) of claim 8 is unclear. Applicant has amended the claim to replace the phrase "dematerialized water," which is an inadvertent typographical error with the term --demineralized water-- , which term can be found in the specification, for example, at page 8, line 16.

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Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that it is unclear what organic solvents are embraced by the phrase "comprising" recited in step (c) of claim 8 is unclear. Applicant has amended the claim to replace the phrase "comprising" with the term --is-- thereby removing the rejection as it applies to claim 13.

Claims 14-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention for reciting, for example, "the organic solvent used is 100 times of the starting compound" and also for reciting the term "the starting compound." Applicant has amended claims 8 and 9 to provide antecedent basis for the term "the starting compound" and claims 14-16 to clarify that --the organic solvent used is . . . by volume with respect to the amount of the starting compound.-- Support for the language --by volume with respect to the amount-- can be found, for example, at page 14, line 11.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is rendered moot in view of the revised claims presented herein. Reconsideration and removal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

III. Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to various claims as set forth at page 4 of the Office Action. Specifically, claim 10 has been objected to as being of improper dependent form.

Claims 20 and 22-24 have been objected to for reciting the term "effected" or "effect" and claim 23 has been objected to for missing the term "or" between "vacuum tray drier" and "rotacon vacuum drier."

Applicant respectfully believes that these objections have been overcome in view of the revised claims presented herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

IV. Claims Allowed

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the notation on the Office Action Summary that claims 1, 3 and 7 are allowed.

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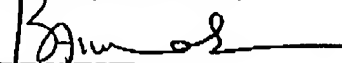
V. Conclusion

Applicant believes this response to be a full and complete response to the Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration in view of this response and allowance of all of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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